GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1077
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SUPPLY OF COAL TO BRICK MANUFACTURERS
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government proposes to formulate a policy for supply of coal to brick manufacturers through the State and district level units of the Government recognized All India Brick and Tile Manufacturers Federation (AIBTMF), New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government has received any representations from the AIBTMF and public representatives in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply given in (a) above.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) All India Brick and Tile Manufacturers Federation (AIBTMF) have submitted requests inter alia for allocation of reasonable quantity and institutional arrangement for supply of coal to brick kiln on sponsorship basis. Coal was earlier supplied to Brick kiln on the basis of sponsorship received from the State Authorities under Open Sales Scheme (OSS). The Hon`ble High Court, Kolkata, however, set aside the policy. Therefore, keeping in view the directions of Hon`ble High Court of Kolkata, a new scheme namely e-marketing which is a transparent and consumer friendly scheme, open to consumers and non-consumers who can participate and bid for the quantity as per their requirement from their preferred source has been introduced. CIL has allocated 36 million tonnes of coal to be sold under this scheme during the current financial year. Further, Coal India Limited has also been directed to market 5 million tonnes of coal for supply to very small and tiny industrial unit through State Government Undertakings and NCCF at 20% above the notified price. The measures taken by the Government for supply of coal as stated above would meet the requirements of Brick Kilns.